

Local police Activity

An Irvine woman was charged with leaving the scene of an accident on March 31.

Sgt. John Sturniolo said that Felisha Lewis, 27, of Crestview Court, Irvine struck a fence at Monty's Liquors on River Drive and Kirkland.

The officer located Lewis on Crestview Court. He said she had a broken syringe in her arm and two broken ones in her neck area.

He charged her with public intoxication, leaving scene of an accident, theft by unlawful taking, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• On April 5, Irvine Chief Brad Smith charged Alicia June Strange, 27, of Noland Court, Irvine on a Fayette County warrant with shoplifting at Meijer's on March 14.

• Two Madison County bench warrants were served April 8 by Officer Brian

Cloyd on Ernest Jones, 35, of Hensley Lane, Irvine.

Madison Circuit Judge William Clouse issued the warrant for Jones' violation of supervision probation.

The judge issued the second warrant because Jones allegedly violated his probation on a felony offense.

• An Estill bench warrant was served on Gregory S. Barrett, 46, of Beattyville for theft by deception including cold checks.

The warrant says from Sept. 8-22, 2014, Barrett wrote two checks to Eric Wolfinbarger Automotive for payment of goods and services. The checks were for \$597.00 and \$442.00. A fee of \$230 will be added, making the total \$1,269.00.

Barrett's bail is the amount of the checks plus fee, \$1,269.00. He was arrested on a new charge while he had a case pending.

• Tonya Andrews, 39, of Albuquerque, NM, was

arrested on River Drive, Irvine by Officer Brian Cloyd on April 2.

Andrews is charged with being a fugitive from Florida and is being held without bond.

Judge Wm. Leach scheduled an extradition hearing for Andrews on April 11.

Andrews is wanted in Florida for grand theft third degree (\$300 - \$5,000).

Irvine Officer Colton Lewis searched Brian K. Jones, 45, of Church Street, Irvine for weapons. Jones told the officer he had a pipe in his pockets. It was retrieved with a plastic baggie of suspected methamphetamine.

• Christopher Hoover, 40, of Little Buck Creek Road, Irvine was arrested April 8 by Officer Cloyd.

Estill District Judge Leach issued the warrant because Hoover had allegedly failed to pay a fine.

Judge Leach set Hoover's bail at \$278.00 cash.

• A passenger in a vehicle stopped for traffic on Richmond Road by Officer Brian Cloyd on April 5 was arrested.

The citation states that Jessiya T. Doan, 20, of Sandhill Road, Irvine was a front seat passenger.

The officer said the woman's handbag contained two digital scales and a plastic baggie containing suspected methamphetamine.

While officers were searching the vehicle, Officer Cloyd said that Officer Colton Lewis saw Doan's phone light up with a message which was indicative of illegal drug trafficking.

Doan was arraigned on April 6 in Estill District Court. She pled not-guilty. Her preliminary hearing will be held on April 11.

Bail for Doan was set at \$15,000 cash.

• Justin Shane Roberts, 29, of Brookshire Lane, Irvine was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree, third or greater offense, public intoxication, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, and

persistent felony offender first degree on April 5 by Trooper Ty Robinson.

The arresting trooper said he and Trooper Brandon Roark were at Shell Mart when they received an anonymous tip that a man was passed out in McDonald's parking lot.

Bail for Roberts was set at \$1,000 cash.

Roberts pled not-guilty on April 6. A preliminary hearing will be held for him on April 11.

• Mary Joyce Cockrell, 40, of Walling Road, Irvine was arrested April 7 on River Drive after she called dispatch and said someone was shooting her vehicle with a pellet gun.

Officer Brian Cloyd said Cockrell, 40, of Walling Road, Irvine was parked in the middle of River Drive.

Cockrell was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence, failure to produce insurance card, possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine), drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, possession of a controlled substance, third degree and prescription controlled substance not in proper container.

Cockrell pled not-guilty in Estill District Court. She will return for a preliminary hearing on April 18.

Her bail is set at \$1,000 cash.

• Matewood T. Kortbein, 40, of Broadus Crossing, Irvine waived an indictment by the Estill County Grand Jury.

Kortbein waived the indictment on charges of possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, and tampering with physical evidence.

The waiver states that on March 22, Kortbein possessed methamphetamine and placed white pills in her mouth after being arrested.

Kortbein is expected to be sentenced through the Rocket Docket program.

IPD locates vehicle on attempt to locate and driver is charged

After an ATL (Attempt to Locate) was issued on April 5, Irvine Police located the 2000 Chevy Silverado at the car wash on Winchester Road.

The citation states the driver was unresponsive when Sgt. John Sturniolo knocked on the driver's window.

The officer said the man had a 9mm pistol under his seat, and Irvine's K-9 Fritz alerted on the vehicle.

IPD confiscated marijuana, four perocet, 16 gabapentin, four xanax, and two suboxone pills in plastic baggies and \$965 in cash.

IPD charged the driver, James P. Tipton, 50, of James Street, Irvine with driving DUI suspended license, operating motor vehicle under the influence, trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, trafficking in a controlled substance, second degree, possession of marijuana, trafficking in a controlled substance, third degree, carrying a concealed weapon,

and failure of non-owner to maintain required insurance.

IPD also served two bench warrants from Estill District Court on Tipton for failure to pay fines.

Tipton was found guilty of driving on a DUI suspended license and operating a motor vehicle under the influence in August 2017.

District Judge William Leach set Tipton's bail at \$1,103.00 in this case.

In December 2016, Tipton was found guilty of possession of marijuana, carrying a concealed weapon, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, and operating motor vehicle under the influence.

Excessive window tinting, license to be in possession, no registration plates, and no registration receipts were merged.

Judge Leach set bail in this case at \$1,353.

Tipton was arraigned in Estill District Court on April 11. He pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Water commissioner resigns, is replaced

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A newly appointed water commissioner is required to have 12 hours of training within the first year. After that commissioners are required to attend six hours of training per year.

Estill County District water commissioners, once they go to training, receive \$6,000 per year in salary. Before training, the amount is \$3,600. This is the maximum allowed by KRS.

Dental insurance was also being paid for the local water commissioners, but PSC recommended they were not eligible for that because they were part time employees.

PSC could have levied a fine of \$2,500 per event (\$7,500 for the three loans) on each of the commissioners and the water district. They could also have faced criminal penalties.

The last meeting of the water commissioners at PSC was scheduled for February 28.

A day earlier, the district's attorney entered an offer of settlement to the PSC.

"It is in the best interest of Estill Water District and its ratepayers that this matter be resolved quickly and without recurring further expense," the letter stated.

The settlement offer included the resignations of the three water commissioners within 90 days. They will not accept further appointments to the Estill Water District.

PSC accepted the offer, which included that no civil or criminal penalty would be levied against the three commissioners or the water district.

Estill Water District is not the only one which has faced contempt charges with PSC over this Kentucky statute.

As a result of the number of districts facing sanctions, PSC is now giving new water commissioners their first 12 hours of training rather than allowing a third party to conduct the training.

Man swallows pill to hide evidence

An Irvine resident faces numerous charges after he was stopped in traffic early Saturday morning.

Officer Brian Cloyd said he saw Christian H. Hobbs, 38, of Stevens Ave., Irvine turn onto Broadway with signaling. The license on the vehicle was also not luminated, and the registration tags were expired.

Officer Brian Cloyd said the vehicle did not belong to Hobbs, and its female owner was in the hospital. Hobbs told the officer he was unsure if he had permission to operate the vehicle, but said he took care of the woman so it assumed it was okay to drive her vehicle.

The citation states the officer located a needle cap in the driver's seat and a container with more needles.

Upon arrival at the jail, the officer said he heard plastic crumbling coming

from the back seat. Hobbs allegedly told him that he had consumed a suboxone pill because he didn't want to get in trouble for it. The officer said that Hobbs then began shouting which caused public alarm.

Hobbs was charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, drug paraphernalia, failure to notify DOT of address change, rear license not illuminated, failure to improper signal, public intoxication, no registration receipt, tampering with physical evidence, and disorderly conduct, second degree.

Hobbs pled not-guilty to all charges during his arraignment in Estill District Court on April 9. He will return to district court for a preliminary hearing on April 18.

His bail was set at \$1,000 cash.

KSP arrests two on Sandhill Road

Two men were arrested April 5 when KSP troopers were investigating the report of a multiple vehicles partially blocking Sandhill Road.

Trooper T. Robinson said as he passed Andy's Gymnastics, he saw two males in a driveway of a residence. He pulled into the driveway to ask the men if they had reported the complaint or if they had seen any trucks in the roadway.

As he was speaking, the trooper said he noticed Daniel Bowling standing behind a white passenger car. He added that Bowling quickly stuffed his hands in his pockets and began to walk away from him.

At the same time, the citation states the other male at the scene was attempting to hide drugs by throwing them on the ground.

The trooper reported that a syringe was recovered from the ground where Bowling was standing and a black bag with pills and a powdery substance from his pocket.

He charged Bowling, 45, of Sandhill Road, with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

Another citation states the other man attempted to step on the plastic baggie he threw on the ground. He also tried to slide it under hte car with his foot.

Irvine Officer Colton Lewis searched Brian K. Jones, 45, of Church Street, Irvine for weapons. Jones told the officer he had a pipe in his pockets. It was retrieved with a plastic baggie of suspected methamphetamine.

The citation states the contents of the baggie on the ground and the baggie retrieved from Jones' pocket weighed approximately 3.5 grams.

Bowling and Jones each pleaded not-guilty during their arraignments on April 6.

A preliminary hearing is set for April 11.



Estill County Schools

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION/SCREENING

2018-19 School Year



CALL SOUTH IRVINE EARLY LEARNING CENTER at 726-3078 to

SCHEDULE A PRESCHOOL SCREENING APPOINTMENT



Scheduled Screening Dates:

Thursday, April 26, 2018 3:30-6:30 pm
 Tuesday, May 22, 2018 10:00 am-3:00 pm
 Monday, July 9, 2018 2:00-7:00 pm

At South Irvine Early Learning Center, 1000 South Irvine Road, Irvine, KY

Preschool Qualification Guidelines:

- Children who turn four years old by August 1st and meet income requirements or have a delay/ disability
- Children who are three years old and have a delay/ disability or meet Head Start requirements
- Preschool is not a mandatory program; however, our school district is currently exploring options to provide preschool for all children who will turn four years old by August 1. If you are interested in your child attending South Irvine Early Learning Center preschool program, please call for a screening appointment.

Bring the following required documents to the screening appointment:

- Child's Certified State Sealed Birth Certificate (not a hospital certificate)
- Proof of Family Income (For eligibility purposes): Check Stub, Tax Forms, Statement from Employer, SSI Award Letter, Food Stamp Letter, Child Care Subsidy Form, statement from person providing room and board
- Up-to-date Kentucky Immunization Certificate
- School Entry Physical that includes blood pressure, Hemoglobin count, and Lead Screening/test
- Eye Exam by an Optometrist or Ophthalmologist (not required at time of screening)
- School Entry Dental Exam performed by a licensed dental professional (not required at time of screening)
- Medical Insurance Card
- Copy of legal guardianship, (if not biological parent)

At registration, complete paperwork and your child will be screened. The process will take approximately one hour.